

GRANTS BY REGION

Africa: 9 Projects

Name of Organization: Breakthrough Club of Sedgwick County
Location: Wichita, KS

Subject: Improving Mental Health Service in Kenya

This grant supports the Breakthrough Club's efforts to improve mental health services in both Kenya and the United States through needs analysis, workshops, and project collaboration. Six Kenyans are visiting the United States for two weeks, and six Americans are traveling in Kenya for two weeks. Each group is visiting mental health service organizations and conducting projects in both countries. Breakthrough's interactive website facilitates communication both among participants and between participants and related organizations worldwide.

Country: Kenya
Region: Africa
U.S. State: KS
Theme: Health

Name of Organization: Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS, Inc.)
Location: Ames, IA

Subject: Building Women's Leadership to Strengthen Democracy in Nigeria

This grant is strengthening the political role of women in Nigeria through workshops and internships focused on the Bauchi, Kaduna, Plateau, and Sokoto States. The project entails the travel of two groups of six Nigerian women to the United States for six weeks, and two groups of six Americans, plus a planning delegation, to Nigeria for three weeks. Women's Leadership Centers are planned for development in all four Nigerian target states, and the Nigerian participants are being offered small grants to design leadership training projects to implement in their local communities.

Country: Nigeria
Region: Africa
U.S. State: IA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Meridian International Center
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in South Africa

This grant supports the travel of 12 aspiring businesswomen from South Africa to the United States for three weeks of training accompanied by a South African government official responsible for entrepreneurial programs. Approximately five months later, six American specialists in successful business practices travel to South Africa for two weeks to mentor the South African participants and conduct workshops for a wider audience.

Country: South Africa

Region: Africa

U.S. State: DC

Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Michigan State University

Location: East Lansing, Michigan

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

This project is designed to engage Malian and American leaders in issues of faith and community that can contribute to strengthening of civil society in Mali. Two delegations of 12 Malian religious and community leaders and university faculty each travel to the United States for three weeks to explore how Islam and religious education practices in the United States encourage tolerance, respect, collective dialogue and public service while encouraging diverse communities to work together. Two delegations of American religious, community and university leaders each travel to Mali for 10 days of similar study, and two delegations of two MSU staff also travel to Mali for planning and managing purposes.

Country: Mali

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MI

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Middlesex Community College

Location: Lowell, MA

Subject: Building Civic Engagement among Youth in Soweto

Under this grant, Middlesex Community College is conducting exchanges to educate teachers, recreation staff, and community workers from Soweto, South Africa, in communication, counseling, and civic engagement strategies with the goal of increasing

the number of youth who complete their education and become active in their communities. Travel consists of twelve South Africans coming to the United States for one month, and six Americans going to South Africa for two weeks. Participants conduct both individual and collaborative projects aimed at fostering civic engagement and grassroots activism, particularly among young people.

Country: South Africa
Region: Africa
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID)
Location: Jackson, MS

Subject: Fostering Economic Growth to Strengthen Democracy in Nigeria

This grant is assisting MCID to build the capacity of the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Social Development, a new non-profit organization in Nigeria committed to entrepreneurial training for women and youth. The project focuses on the states of Kaduna and Nassarawa. At least eight Nigerians are traveling to the United States for a 28-day exchange program, comprising site visits, seminars, and job shadowing. A similar number of Americans are traveling to Nigeria for 20 days to lead sessions in agribusiness development and microenterprise management.

Country: Nigeria
Region: Africa
U.S. State: MS
Theme: Business

Name of Organization: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Improving Awareness of Women's Issues and Women's Effective Participation in Government in South Africa

This grant supports a program to raise awareness of women's issues and to enhance the professional skill of female legislators in initiating legislation in South Africa and the United States. Twelve South African women legislators are visiting the United States for three weeks to study the environment in which American women legislators work in Washington, DC, Maryland, Arizona, and Washington State, followed by the travel of twelve U.S. women state legislators to South Africa to work with three provincial

legislatures and the National Assembly. Finally, a five-day workshop involving all of the U.S. and South African participants is being held in South Africa, during which the women learn more about advocacy groups and civil society organizations, and are welcomed into NCSL's Women's Legislative Network, a forum for women legislators at both the national and state level.

Country: South Africa
Region: Africa
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: University of Georgia
Location: Athens, Georgia

Subject: Empowering Maasai Women to Participate in Civic Affairs

This grant supports the University of Georgia's International Center for Democratic Governance in empowering Maasai women from Kenya's Rift Valley with the skills and organizational capabilities to participate in public discussions and policy-making, thus strengthening their roles in civil society. Twenty-eight Maasai women are participating in three weeks of workshops, job shadowing, action planning, and dialogue on local governance in the United States. Subsequently, 16 American community activists are scheduled to travel to Kenya for two weeks to network and study grassroots culture and its influences on Maasai women.

Country: Kenya
Region: Africa
U.S. State: GA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts (Boston)
Location: Boston, MA

Subject: Building Conflict Management Skills among Youth

Young people (under age 30) in Nigeria and the United States are being trained to manage conflict and to hold public discussions about ethnic and religious issues. The project consists of travel for twelve Nigerian leaders and young people to the United States for three weeks of workshops and site visits. Twelve American professionals in interfaith dialogue will then go to Nigeria for two weeks to join local organizations in training larger groups in conflict management, and in conducting conflict intervention projects.

Country: Nigeria

Region: Africa
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

East Asia and the Pacific: 6 Projects

Name of Organization: The International Center
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Vietnam

This grant trains young Vietnamese businesswomen in entrepreneurial and leadership skills to enhance economic growth in their country. The program will empower participants to establish or grow their own businesses, and to participate actively in the creation of conditions necessary for a free market economy. Four American business experts have traveled to Vietnam to conduct four seminars for 200 entrepreneurs and community leaders in Hanoi, Da Nang, Ho Chi Minh City and Can Tho. Thirty Vietnamese business leaders are scheduled to travel to the United States for a three-week business training and mentoring program.

Country: Vietnam
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Michigan State University
Location: East Lansing, MI

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

Under this grant, Michigan State University (MSU) is conducting a program that provides leadership training for senior officials at the provincial level of the Chinese social security administration. The focus of this program is on the challenges and opportunities in public administration, delivery of public services, enhancing accountability, and transparency. Eighteen Chinese senior government officials travel to the United States for a week of seminars in Washington, D.C., followed by a two-week internship with the Michigan Municipal League. Seven MSU professors then travel to China to conduct training workshops and consultations for ten days.

Country: China
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: MI

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: National Committee on United States-China Relations
Location: New York, NY
Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

This grant aims to strengthen progressive Chinese policy-makers' efforts to share information with citizens, help officials deal more effectively with public participation in the area of land use, and employ lessons learned in cities across the country. Six American experts in law, municipal governance and citizen interests travel to Beijing and Shanghai to conduct training workshops for 150 professional counterparts. While there, they will promote active and responsible governance and increase civic activism. Eight Chinese local government officials will then visit the United States for two weeks to observe public participation in policy-making.

Country: China
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Northern Illinois University
Location: DeKalb, IL
Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

With special attention to having a mix of indigenous, Muslim and Christian participants, this grant brings thirty community leaders and leaders of youth organizations from across the Philippines to the United States for a four-week institute on the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic, pluralistic society. Four Americans then travel to the Philippines to conduct a series of seven one-day workshops, and to participate in a National Conference on Responsible Citizenship.

Country: Philippines
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: CA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Purdue University
Location: Indiana

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

This grant brings 24 Muslim clergy, religious scholars and civic leaders from Thailand and the Philippines to the United States, and sends 14 American religious scholars and civic leaders on reciprocal exchanges. The program includes focused interactions designed to demonstrate how religious communities interact with each other in the United States, as well as how they contribute to civil discourse, through visits to Islamic centers and organizations and meetings with American Muslim leaders and scholars. The grant will also broaden the understanding of non-Muslim American clergy, scholars and civic leaders of the place of Islam in the Muslim communities of Thailand and the Philippines.

Countries: Philippines and Thailand

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: IA

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts

Location: Boston, MA

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

Under this grant, the University of Massachusetts is implementing a multi-phased exchange of judges, legal professionals, and non-governmental leaders. The program will assist the Chinese judiciary, legal, and educational communities to improve the Chinese system of justice and increase transparency, accountability and predictability in the courts. Twenty U.S. judges are conducting four seven-day workshops for 800 Chinese judges, law students, and law faculty in Xian, Chengdu, Kunming, Chongking, and Nanjing. Thirty Chinese judges then travel to the United States for one-month internships in the Boston area.

Country: China

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Europe and Eurasia: 6 Projects

Name of Organization: Arizona State University

Location: Tempe, AZ

Subject: Understanding Religious Life in the United States

Arizona State University is implementing a three-week program for 28 religious leaders and scholars from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo to travel to the United States in two cohorts for interactive seminars, meetings, and discussions intended to enrich participants' understanding of the democratic values underlying religious expression and religious diversity in American and Southeast European civil society. The program includes two reciprocal exchanges by Americans to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo for 14 days.

Country: Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kosovo

Region: Europe

U.S. State: AZ

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Boston College

Location: Chestnut Hill, MA

Subject: Supporting the Establishment of Democratic Institutions and Practices in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Boston College is conducting six exchange programs with Ireland and Northern Ireland focusing on political organization, community policing, education, corporate social engagement, small business development, road safety, and the role sports can play in community development. Project activities include site visits in Washington, DC; Nashville, TN; San Francisco, CA; and Atlanta, GA as well as seminars and workshops at Boston College for approximately 80 participants. The grant will also support workshops in Northern Ireland and Ireland and support continuing alumni activities.

Countries: Ireland, Northern Ireland

Region: Europe

U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: CDS International, Inc.

Location: New York, NY

Subject: Developing Positive Relations between the United States and Minority Communities

This grant will examine and compare means of integrating immigrant and minority populations in Belgium and the United States to establish positive relations between the United States and (primarily Muslim) minorities in Belgium. Twelve representatives of non-governmental organizations and other professionals from Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, and Washington, together with 32 practitioners from Belgium, are taking part

in a series of workshops and study tours in Belgium and in the United States. There will be a final workshop in Belgium, as well as the creation of a web portal for program participants.

Country: Belgium
Region: Europe
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development
Location: Amherst, MA

Subject: Understanding Muslim Life in the United States

The Institute for Training and Development is implementing a three-week exchange and residency program for 24 clerics and scholars from Macedonia and Kosovo. They will travel to Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, and Washington, D.C., in two cohorts for site visits, consultations, and discussions intended to help the delegates to better understand and communicate to audiences in their home countries about the practice of Islam in an open, diverse, and democratic society. The program also explores how ethnically, nationally, and culturally diverse American Muslims can worship together and live with communities of other faiths without violence. The 12-day program in Macedonia and Kosovo for five U.S. participants includes meetings, visits to institutions, and seminars or symposia directed at the larger public in each geographical region.

Country: Macedonia; Kosovo
Region: Europe
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board, (IREX)
Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

IREX is implementing a three-week exchange and residency program for 24 religious and youth leaders from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia in two cohorts. The project includes site visits, meetings, and discussions intended to establish a social and religious dialogue; to identify and support religious and influential lay leaders; to mobilize and engage youth; to provide new models and opportunities for open dialogue; and to build regional cooperation based on tolerance. Two groups of six American interlocutors are traveling to the region for one week each. Follow-on entails participant implementation of action plans.

Countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: DC

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: World Learning, Inc.

Location: Brattleboro, VT

Subject: Improving Understanding and Fostering Consensus on
U.S.-Turkey Relations

Under this grant, World Learning is implementing a five-phase exchange program for up to 38 young Turkish leaders and three U.S. experts that focusing on foreign policy dialogue between emerging political leaders. Project activities include a ten-day residential program in Washington, D.C. that consists of a series of workshops, seminars, two-day internships, meetings, and debates. There is also a five-day study tour to Cleveland, OH. The participants will develop action plans to be implemented upon their return to Turkey.

Country: Turkey

Region: Europe

U.S. State: VT

Theme: Democracy and Governance

North Africa and the Middle East: 6 Projects

Name of Organization: AIESEC

Location: New York, NY

Subject: Building Professional Relations between the U.S. and
Bahrain, Oman, and Qatar

This grant will allow sixty emerging leaders (30 from the United States, and 30 from the Gulf States) to participate in international internships and cultural immersion experiences that focus on professional development, cross-regional cooperation, and responsible citizenry.

Countries: Bahrain, Oman, Qatar

Region: Near East

U.S. State: NY

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Bowling Green State University
Location: Bowling Green, OH

Subject: Strengthening Environmental Journalism in Algeria and Tunisia

Under this grant, Bowling Green State University is conducting an exchange program focused on journalism education, the development of environmental specialists, and public engagement in environmental issues. A total of 64 youth environmental activists, future media practitioners, and university teachers of journalism and environmental studies (20 from Algeria, 20 from Tunisia, and 24 from the United States) are participating in the program. The program consists of five reciprocal exchange visits between the United States and North Africa over the course of two years, and is designed to develop the investigative and objective reporting skills of young people interested in environmental issues in Algeria and Tunisia, and to increase leadership potential for the environmental movement.

Countries: Algeria, Tunisia
Region: Near East
U.S. State: OH
Theme: Media

Name of Organization: Center for Higher Education in the Middle East (CHEME)
Location: Cambridge, MA

Subject: Fostering Youth in Civic Affairs through Training Their Teachers as Agents of Social Change

Under this grant, the Center for Higher Education in the Middle East promotes innovative teaching methodologies and curriculum enhancements focused on coexistence and democratic principles in the Middle East and North Africa. Twenty-eight secondary school teachers from eight countries in the Middle East and North Africa participate in an intensive, month-long Teacher Education Institute in Massachusetts. CHEME then conducts a 12-day civic participation workshop in Egypt for 40 educators (from the Middle East and North Africa and the United States). Participants will develop plans for increasing student participation in their local communities and for conducting a workshop in Lebanon on how to build teaching capacity in civic education for 16 educators from both the Middle East and North Africa and the United States.

Countries: Algeria; Egypt; Israel; Jordan; Lebanon; Morocco; Tunisia; West Bank
Region: Near East
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Hamline University
Location: St. Paul, MN

Subject: Implementing an Effective and Practical Curriculum to
Encourage Active and Responsible Citizenship

Under this grant, Hamline University is building on an intensive Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian-American cooperative effort – that now includes Lebanese educators – to strengthen the capacity of teachers to implement an effective and practical curriculum of civic education that is relevant to their communities. Twenty-five teachers and students from the Middle East and 20 American counterparts are engaged in activities designed to demonstrate how teachers and students can take the civic lessons they have learned in the classroom and put them into practice in their local communities. Workshops and youth leadership seminars are being conducted by teams of American and Middle Eastern teachers in Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Lebanon throughout academic year 2007-08. The grant is being executed according to all relevant laws and policies regarding assistance to the Palestinian Authority, and to the West Bank and Gaza.

Countries: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority
Region: Near East
U.S. State: MN
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society in Iran through Improved
Maternal and Child Health Services

This grant is expanding discourse on civil society and active citizenship by bringing together 16 Iranian and five U.S. participants for site visits at public and private hospitals, non-profit organizations, federal and state oversight agencies, and rural clinics in or near Washington, D.C., West Virginia, and New York. Participants discuss maternal and child health issues with the Iranians learning about how public, private, and non-profit entities interact with citizens to form health policy in a democratic society. The American participants are traveling to Iran for ten days to conduct site visits and participate in discussions about health education and cooperation between policy makers and healthcare providers. Both the Iranian and American participants are health providers, medical university faculty, and community leaders active in public health and women's issues. The grant is being executed according to all relevant laws and policies regarding assistance to, or interaction with, the Government of Iran.

Country: Iran
Region: Near East

U.S. State: DC
Theme: Health

Name of Organization: National Peace Foundation
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Understanding Muslim Life in the United States

This project is designed to improve the understanding of Muslim life in the United States for 24 Muslim scholars and clerics from Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Yemen who come to the U.S. in two groups for two weeks each. These groups are given access to the American Muslim communities in several cities, and they will be challenged not only to understand more clearly the reality of Muslim life in the U.S. but to work with American scholarly and religious leaders to break down inaccurate stereotypes about religious life in the participating countries. Themes being addressed include Islam in practice, the successful experience of Muslim women in the United States, and addressing stereotypes through discussion with American writers. Two groups of four American scholars and clerics are traveling to Qatar, the UAE, and Yemen for related discussions and workshops.

Countries: Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen
Region: Near East
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Faith and Community

South and Central Asia: 6 Projects

Name of Organization: Center for Civic Education
Location: Calabasas, CA

Subject: Fostering Democratic Civic Activism in Kazakhstan and India

Under this grant, Center for Civic Education is conducting a three-phase exchange program for 30 participants from India, Kazakhstan and the United States. Project activities commence with a delegation of educators traveling to India to observe an advanced civic education program. The second phase is a reciprocal visit to the United States by educators from India and Kazakhstan. The program's final component is a training event for all program participants hosted in Kazakhstan.

Countries: India, Kazakhstan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: CA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: iEARN
Location: New York, NY

Subject: Training NGO leaders and Teachers to Lead Youth in Responsible Environmental Action

This grant is designed to improve the abilities of environmental NGO leaders and classroom teachers to lead youth in new research, critical data analysis, and responsible environmental action. Three U.S. educators/trainers travel to Bangladesh, India and Nepal to conduct a two-week training program. Following the training, a total of nine educators (three each from Bangladesh, India, and Nepal) travel to New York and New Jersey for two weeks of instruction in environmental action techniques with their U.S. peers. Follow-up training in Bangladesh, India and Nepal takes place when three pairs of U.S. participants travel to the region for two weeks to work with new teachers. During the course of the project, there is virtual collaboration among the teachers and students, and follow-on activities with alumni take place through community action projects.

Countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Magee-Womens Research Institute
Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Subject: Improving Health Education and Fostering Civic Activism in Central Asia

This grant brings together communities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to address the issues of adolescent health and youth development. The project includes a series of intensive workshops and supporting activities designed to train youth leaders in civic responsibility; NGO management and leadership; adolescent health and youth development; and cross cultural exchange and diversity. Small grants are awarded to individuals to implement community-based initiatives. In addition, a comprehensive Adolescent Health Resource Directory and quarterly e-newsletter is being developed and distributed in both the United States and in Central Asia.

Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: PA
Theme: Health

Name of Organization: Plymouth State University
Location: Plymouth, NH

Subject: Promoting Stewardship of the Environment and Cultural Preservation through Trainings for Teachers

This grant fosters active and responsible citizenship by promoting stewardship of the environment and cultural preservation. The project activities include a four-week institute hosted by Plymouth State University for 20 Pakistani education leaders, and the development of master plans by participants to support local environmental stewardship and cultural preservation, including the awarding of small grants to support the implementation of these master plans. Eight Americans will then travel to Lahore, Pakistan, and will participate in a follow-up in-country workshop for current and past participants of the Plymouth State University summer institutes.

Country: Pakistan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: NH
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Southern Illinois University
Location: Carbondale, Illinois

Subject: Training Journalists in the Field of HIV/AIDS Reporting

This grant focuses on the training of Indian, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan journalists to strengthen their ability to report on HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on professional norms in reporting and the news/source relationship between NGOs and journalists. Project activities include nine workshops in eight different cities for 10-20 participants each, including journalists/editors, educators, and NGO staffers. Additionally, a workshop will be conducted in Sri Lanka for 20 journalism educators and NGO staffers from the United States and the other three participating countries. During this grant, there are also two three-week workshops and shadow internships in the United States for a total of eight journalists, educators, and NGO staffers during each workshop.

Countries: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: IL
Theme: Media

Name of Organization: University of Oklahoma
Location: Norman, Oklahoma

Subject: Strengthening Broadcast Media Capacities and Leadership Capacities of Women Journalists

This grant focuses on improving visual storytelling in broadcast media in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan, with a secondary focus on strengthening the leadership capabilities of women. Project activities include two workshops in each of the three countries for both broadcast journalists and aspiring women leaders, as well as workshops with participants coming from all three countries for intensive training at the University of Oklahoma. Other program activities include videoconferences to enable American experts to speak to participants to follow up on their experiences after training and a project website.

Countries: Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: OK
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Western Hemisphere: 3 Projects

Name of Organization: El Camino College
Location: Hawthorne, CA

Subject: Developing Business Skills among Indigenous Women

El Camino College's Business Training Center provides approximately 100 Nicaraguan women with business skills training during a five day workshop to promote growth in Nicaragua. Thirty Nicaraguan women have a four week residency in California that includes hands-on training to further improve their entrepreneurial and leadership skills.

Country: Nicaragua
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: CA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation
Location: Ipswich, MA

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

Cooperating with three local non-profit organizations in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation is conducting six in-country workshops to encourage

public participation in community decisions while also engaging citizens in stewardship of their natural resources and cultural heritage. Fifteen local leaders from the Andean region will come to the United States for three weeks to observe and learn about civic activism at the local level. In addition, twelve staff members (six from the U.S. partner organization and six from the Andean partner organizations) will spend one-month in a job sharing exchange.

Countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: World Learning, Inc.
Location: Brattleboro, VT

Subject: Empowering Young Peruvian Entrepreneurs

Thirty emerging, young Peruvian entrepreneurs are learning leadership skills to empower them to engage in business development. The group includes representatives from diverse regions and ethnic groups in Peru, including Quechua, Aymara, and Afro-Latinos, and is spending three weeks in the U.S. visiting a wide variety of businesses. Fifteen Americans are prepared to return to Peru to engage in consultations and demonstration workshops with the returned participants.

Country: Peru
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: VT
Theme: Business

Multi-Regional: 4 Projects

Name of Organization: American Center for International Labor Solidarity
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: International Labor Issues

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) is conducting the following exchanges: U.S. study tour to Algeria; U.S. study tour to the Ukraine; U.S. study tour to Kenya; African Telecommunication Trade Unionists study tour to the U.S.; U.S. study tour to Oman; U.S. study tour to Colombia; U.S. study tour to China; U.S. study tour to India; Brazilian study tour to U.S.; African Trade Unionists study tour to U.S.; and scholarships for foreign trade union leaders to study at the George Meany Center.

Countries: Algeria, Kenya, Ukraine, Oman, Brazil, Colombia, China, India
Regions: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia,
Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: Various
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: American Council of Young Political Leaders
Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Developing Productive, Ongoing Contacts between
Politically Active Individuals Around the World

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) supports the development of democratic practices and productive, ongoing contacts between politically active individuals in the United States and their overseas counterparts by coordinating a series of exchange programs for U.S. and foreign participants. These exchanges directly support the Department's goal to open political systems and societies to democratic practices, the rule of law, good governance, and respect for human rights. Each year ACYPL implements a set of two-week study tours, involving up to 30 delegations of seven to twelve members each from the U.S. and countries around the world.

Countries: Japan, Australia, Russia, Israel, Palestinian Territories, South Korea, Taiwan, Uruguay, Argentina, Egypt, Jordan, China, Northern Ireland, Philippines Brazil, China, South Africa Vietnam, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Romania, Hungary, Pakistan, India, Turkey, (*Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia pending*)
Region: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: Nationwide
Themes: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Mutual Understanding

Sister Cities International (SCI), which promotes mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S. and abroad through the activities of the 1,300 U.S. cities affiliated with more than 2,400 sister cities in 137 countries around the world, acts as a coordinator and catalyst in the development of various types of sister-city programs. This grant partially supports SCI functioning as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and disseminate information and work directly with community leaders and citizen volunteers, as well as elected officials.

Countries: Worldwide

Region: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: Nationwide

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Vital Voices Global Partnership

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Providing Women's Leadership Mentoring

This grant provides continued support to the FORTUNE/State Department International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership, designed to develop the management and business skills of emerging women leaders from countries around the world. The program brings approximately 35 women to the U.S. for a mentorship program that matches them with senior U.S. women executives in the fields of business, law, and sports. Participants have numerous opportunities to observe best practices and learn organization and leadership skills from their American counterparts. The exchange includes a three-day orientation program in Washington, D.C., where participants meet with government officials, academics, and business leaders; a three-week mentorship assignment in cities throughout the U.S.; and a two-day evaluation and debriefing in New York City.

Countries: Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Egypt, Gaza Strip, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Vietnam, West Bank, Zimbabwe

Regions: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: DC

Theme: Women's Empowerment

GRANTS BY THEME

Business: 2 Projects

Name of Organization: Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID)
Location: Jackson, MS
Subject: Fostering Economic Growth to Strengthen Democracy in Nigeria

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Region: Africa
U.S. State: MS
Theme: Business

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Country: Peru
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: VT
Theme: Business

Democracy and Governance: 18 Projects

Name of Organization: Middlesex Community College

Location: Lowell, MA

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Country: South Africa

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts (Boston)

Location: Boston, MA

Subject: Building Conflict Management Skills among Youth

Young people (under age 30) in Nigeria and the United States are being trained to manage conflict and to hold public discussions about ethnic and religious issues. The project consists of travel for twelve Nigerian leaders and young people to the United States for three weeks of workshops and site visits. Twelve American professionals in interfaith dialogue will then go to Nigeria for two weeks to join local organizations in training larger groups in conflict management, and in conducting conflict intervention projects.

Country: Nigeria

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Michigan State University

Location: East Lansing, MI

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

Under this grant, Michigan State University (MSU) is conducting a program that provides leadership training for senior officials at the provincial level of the Chinese social security administration. The focus of this program is on the challenges and opportunities in public administration, delivery of public services, enhancing accountability, and transparency. Eighteen Chinese senior government officials travel to the United States for a week of seminars in Washington, D.C., followed by a two-week internship with the Michigan Municipal League. Seven MSU professors then travel to China to conduct training workshops and consultations for ten days.

Country: China
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: MI
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: National Committee on United States-China Relations
Location: New York, NY

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

This grant aims to strengthen progressive Chinese policy-makers' efforts to share information with citizens, help officials deal more effectively with public participation in the area of land use, and employ lessons learned in cities across the country. Six American experts in law, municipal governance and citizen interests travel to Beijing and Shanghai to conduct training workshops for 150 professional counterparts. While there, they will promote active and responsible governance and increase civic activism. Eight Chinese local government officials will then visit the United States for two weeks to observe public participation in policy-making.

Country: China
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Northern Illinois University
Location: DeKalb, IL

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

With special attention to having a mix of indigenous, Muslim and Christian participants, this grant brings thirty community leaders and leaders of youth organizations from across the Philippines to the United States for a four-week institute on the responsibilities of citizens in a democratic, pluralistic society. Four Americans then travel to the Philippines to conduct a series of seven one-day workshops, and to participate in a National Conference on Responsible Citizenship.

Country: Philippines
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: CA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts
Location: Boston, MA

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local Government

Under this grant, the University of Massachusetts is implementing a multi-phased exchange of judges, legal professionals, and non-governmental leaders. The program will assist the Chinese judiciary, legal, and educational communities to improve the Chinese system of justice and increase transparency, accountability and predictability in the courts. Twenty U.S. judges are conducting four seven-day workshops for 800 Chinese judges, law students, and law faculty in Xian, Chengdu, Kunming, Chongking, and Nanjing. Thirty Chinese judges then travel to the United States for one-month internships in the Boston area.

Country: China
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Boston College
Location: Chestnut Hill, MA

Subject: Supporting the Establishment of Democratic Institutions and Practices in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Boston College is conducting six exchange programs with Ireland and Northern Ireland focusing on political organization, community policing, education, corporate social engagement, small business development, road safety, and the

role sports can play in community development. Project activities include site visits in Washington, DC; Nashville, TN; San Francisco, CA; and Atlanta, GA as well as seminars and workshops at Boston College for approximately 80 participants. The grant will also support workshops in Northern Ireland and Ireland and support continuing alumni activities.

Countries: Ireland, Northern Ireland
Region: Europe
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: World Learning, Inc.
Location: Brattleboro, VT

Subject: Improving Understanding and Fostering Consensus
on U.S.-Turkey Relations

Under this grant, World Learning is implementing a five-phase exchange program for up to 38 young Turkish leaders and three U.S. experts that focusing on foreign policy dialogue between emerging political leaders. Project activities include a ten-day residential program in Washington, D.C. that consists of a series of workshops, seminars, two-day internships, meetings, and debates. There is also a five-day study tour to Cleveland, OH. The participants will develop action plans to be implemented upon their return to Turkey.

Country: Turkey
Region: Europe
U.S. State: VT
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: AIESEC
Location: New York, NY

Subject: Building Professional Relations between the U.S. and
Bahrain, Oman, and Qatar

This grant will allow sixty emerging leaders (30 from the United States, and 30 from the Gulf States) to participate in international internships and cultural immersion experiences that focus on professional development, cross-regional cooperation, and responsible citizenry.

Countries: Bahrain, Oman, Qatar
Region: Near East

U.S. State: NY

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Center for Higher Education in the Middle East (CHEME)

Location: Cambridge, MA

Subject: Fostering Youth in Civic Affairs through Training Their Teachers as Agents of Social Change

Under this grant, the Center for Higher Education in the Middle East promotes innovative teaching methodologies and curriculum enhancements focused on coexistence and democratic principles in the Middle East and North Africa. Twenty-eight secondary school teachers from eight countries in the Middle East and North Africa participate in an intensive, month-long Teacher Education Institute in Massachusetts. CHEME then conducts a 12-day civic participation workshop in Egypt for 40 educators (from the Middle East and North Africa and the United States). Participants will develop plans for increasing student participation in their local communities and for conducting a workshop in Lebanon on how to build teaching capacity in civic education for 16 educators from both the Middle East and North Africa and the United States.

Countries: Algeria; Egypt; Israel; Jordan; Lebanon; Morocco; Tunisia; West Bank

Region: Near East

U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Hamline University

Location: St. Paul, MN

Subject: Implementing an Effective and Practical Curriculum to Encourage Active and Responsible Citizenship

Under this grant, Hamline University is building on an intensive Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian-American cooperative effort – that now includes Lebanese educators – to strengthen the capacity of teachers to implement an effective and practical curriculum of civic education that is relevant to their communities. Twenty-five teachers and students from the Middle East and 20 American counterparts are engaged in activities designed to demonstrate how teachers and students can take the civic lessons they have learned in the classroom and put them into practice in their local communities. Workshops and youth leadership seminars are being conducted by teams of American and Middle Eastern teachers in Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Lebanon throughout academic year 2007-08. The grant is being executed according to all

relevant laws and policies regarding assistance to the Palestinian Authority, and to the West Bank and Gaza.

Countries: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority

Region: Near East

U.S. State: MN

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Center for Civic Education

Location: Calabasas, CA

Subject: Fostering Democratic Civic Activism in Kazakhstan and India

Under this grant, Center for Civic Education is conducting a three-phase exchange program for 30 participants from India, Kazakhstan and the United States. Project activities commence with a delegation of educators traveling to India to observe an advanced civic education program. The second phase is a reciprocal visit to the United States by educators from India and Kazakhstan. The program's final component is a training event for all program participants hosted in Kazakhstan.

Countries: India, Kazakhstan

Region: South and Central Asia

U.S. State: CA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: iEARN

Location: New York, NY

Subject: Training NGO leaders and Teachers to Lead Youth in Responsible Environmental Action

This grant is designed to improve the abilities of environmental NGO leaders and classroom teachers to lead youth in new research, critical data analysis, and responsible environmental action. Three U.S. educators/trainers travel to Bangladesh, India and Nepal to conduct a two-week training program. Following the training, a total of nine educators (three each from Bangladesh, India and Nepal) travel to New York and New Jersey for two weeks of instruction in environmental action techniques with their U.S. peers. Follow-up training in Bangladesh, India and Nepal takes place when three pairs of U.S. participants travel to the region for two weeks to work with new teachers. During the course of the project, there is virtual collaboration among the teachers and students, and follow-on activities with alumni take place through community action projects.

Countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Plymouth State University
Location: Plymouth, NH

Subject: Promoting Stewardship of the Environment and
Cultural Preservation through Trainings for Teachers

This grant fosters active and responsible citizenship by promoting stewardship of the environment and cultural preservation. The project activities include a four-week institute hosted by Plymouth State University for 20 Pakistani education leaders, and the development of master plans by participants to support local environmental stewardship and cultural preservation, including the awarding of small grants to support the implementation of these master plans. Eight Americans will then travel to Lahore, Pakistan, and will participate in a follow-up in-country workshop for current and past participants of the Plymouth State University summer institutes.

Country: Pakistan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: NH
Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation
Location: Ipswich, MA

Subject: Improving Effectiveness and Accountability of Local
Government

Cooperating with three local non-profit organizations in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation is conducting six in-country workshops to encourage public participation in community decisions while also engaging citizens in stewardship of their natural resources and cultural heritage. Fifteen local leaders from the Andean region will come to the United States for three weeks to observe and learn about civic activism at the local level. In addition, twelve staff members (six from the U.S. partner organization and six from the Andean partner organizations) will spend one-month in a job sharing exchange.

Countries: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: MA

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: American Center for International Labor Solidarity

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: International Labor Issues

The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) is conducting the following exchanges: U.S. study tour to Algeria; U.S. study tour to the Ukraine; U.S. study tour to Kenya; African Telecommunication Trade Unionists study tour to the U.S.; U.S. study tour to Oman; U.S. study tour to Colombia; U.S. study tour to China; U.S. study tour to India; Brazilian study tour to U.S.; African Trade Unionists study tour to U.S.; and scholarships for foreign trade union leaders to study at the George Meany Center.

Countries: Algeria, Kenya, Ukraine, Oman, Brazil, Colombia, China, India

Regions: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: Various

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: American Council of Young Political Leaders

Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Developing Productive, Ongoing Contacts between Politically Active Individuals around the World

The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) supports the development of democratic practices and productive, ongoing contacts between politically active individuals in the United States and their overseas counterparts by coordinating a series of exchange programs for U.S. and foreign participants. These exchanges directly support the Department's goal to open political systems and societies to democratic practices, the rule of law, good governance, and respect for human rights. Each year ACYPL implements a set of two-week study tours, involving up to 30 delegations of seven to twelve members each from the U.S. and countries around the world.

Countries: Japan, Australia, Russia, Israel, Palestinian Territories, South Korea, Taiwan, Uruguay, Argentina, Egypt, Jordan, China, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Brazil, China, South Africa, Vietnam, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Romania, Hungary, Pakistan, India, Turkey, (*Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia pending*)

Region: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: Nationwide

Themes: Democracy and Governance

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Mutual Understanding

Sister Cities International (SCI), which promotes mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S. and abroad through the activities of the 1,300 U.S. cities affiliated with more than 2,400 sister cities in 137 countries around the world, acts as a coordinator and catalyst in the development of various types of sister-city programs. This grant partially supports SCI functioning as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and disseminate information and work directly with community leaders and citizen volunteers, as well as elected officials.

Countries: Worldwide

Region: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere

U.S. State: Nationwide

Theme: Democracy and Governance

Faith and Community: 7 Projects

Name of Organization: Michigan State University

Location: East Lansing, Michigan

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

This project is designed to engage Malian and American leaders in issues of faith and community that can contribute to strengthening of civil society in Mali. Two delegations of 12 Malian religious and community leaders and university faculty each travel to the United States for three weeks to explore how Islam and religious education practices in the United States encourage tolerance, respect, collective dialogue and public service while encouraging diverse communities to work together. Two delegations of American religious, community and university leaders each travel to Mali for 10 days of similar study, and two delegations of two MSU staff also travel to Mali for planning and managing purposes.

Country: Mali

Region: Africa

U.S. State: MI

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Purdue University
Location: Indiana

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

This grant brings 24 Muslim clergy, religious scholars and civic leaders from Thailand and the Philippines to the United States, and sends 14 American religious scholars and civic leaders on reciprocal exchanges. The program includes focused interactions designed to demonstrate how religious communities interact with each other in the United States, as well as how they contribute to civil discourse, through visits to Islamic centers and organizations and meetings with American Muslim leaders and scholars. The grant will also broaden the understanding of non-Muslim American clergy, scholars and civic leaders of the place of Islam in the Muslim communities of Thailand and the Philippines.

Countries: Philippines and Thailand
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: IA
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Arizona State University
Location: Tempe, AZ

Subject: Understanding Religious Life in the United States

Arizona State University is implementing a three-week program for 28 religious leaders and scholars from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo to travel to the United States in two cohorts for interactive seminars, meetings, and discussions intended to enrich participants' understanding of the democratic values underlying religious expression and religious diversity in American and Southeast European civil society. The program includes two reciprocal exchanges by Americans to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo for 14 days.

Country: Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kosovo
Region: Europe
U.S. State: AZ
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: CDS International, Inc.
Location: New York, NY

Subject: Developing Positive Relations between the United States and Minority Communities

This grant will examine and compare means of integrating immigrant and minority populations in Belgium and the United States to establish positive relations between the United States and (primarily Muslim) minorities in Belgium. Twelve representatives of non-governmental organizations and other professionals from Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, and Washington, together with 32 practitioners from Belgium, are taking part in a series of workshops and study tours in Belgium and in the United States. There will be a final workshop in Belgium, as well as the creation of a web portal for program participants.

Country: Belgium
Region: Europe
U.S. State: NY
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development
Location: Amherst, MA

Subject: Understanding Muslim Life in the United States

The Institute for Training and Development is implementing a three-week exchange and residency program for 24 clerics and scholars from Macedonia and Kosovo. They will travel to Massachusetts, Illinois, New York, and Washington, D.C., in two cohorts for site visits, consultations, and discussions intended to help the delegates to better understand and communicate to audiences in their home countries about the practice of Islam in an open, diverse, and democratic society. The program also explores how ethnically, nationally, and culturally diverse American Muslims can worship together and live with communities of other faiths without violence. The 12-day program in Macedonia and Kosovo for five U.S. participants includes meetings, visits to institutions, and seminars or symposia directed at the larger public in each geographical region.

Country: Macedonia; Kosovo
Region: Europe
U.S. State: MA
Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board, (IREX)
Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society through Inter-Religious Dialogue

IREX is implementing a three-week exchange and residency program for 24 religious and youth leaders from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia in two cohorts. The project includes site visits, meetings, and discussions intended to establish a social and religious dialogue; to identify and support religious and influential lay leaders; to mobilize and engage youth; to provide new models and opportunities for open dialogue; and to build regional cooperation based on tolerance. Two groups of six American interlocutors are traveling to the region for one week each. Follow-on entails participant implementation of action plans.

Countries: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: DC

Theme: Faith and Community

Name of Organization: National Peace Foundation

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Understanding Muslim Life in the United States

This project is designed to improve the understanding of Muslim life in the United States for 24 Muslim scholars and clerics from Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Yemen who come to the U.S. in two groups for two weeks each. These groups are given access to the American Muslim communities in several cities, and they will be challenged not only to understand more clearly the reality of Muslim life in the U.S. but to work with American scholarly and religious leaders to break down inaccurate stereotypes about religious life in the participating countries. Themes being addressed include Islam in practice, the successful experience of Muslim women in the United States, and addressing stereotypes through discussion with American writers. Two groups of four American scholars and clerics are traveling to Qatar, the UAE, and Yemen for related discussions and workshops.

Countries: Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Region: Near East

U.S. State: DC

Theme: Faith and Community

Media: 2 Projects

Name of Organization: Bowling Green State University

Location: Bowling Green, OH

Subject: Strengthening Environmental Journalism in Algeria

and Tunisia

Under this grant, Bowling Green State University is conducting an exchange program focused on journalism education, the development of environmental specialists, and public engagement in environmental issues. A total of 64 youth environmental activists, future media practitioners, and university teachers of journalism and environmental studies (20 from Algeria, 20 from Tunisia, and 24 from the United States) are participating in the program. The program consists of five reciprocal exchange visits between the United States and North Africa over the course of two years, and is designed to develop the investigative and objective reporting skills of young people interested in environmental issues in Algeria and Tunisia, and to increase leadership potential for the environmental movement.

Countries: Algeria, Tunisia

Region: Near East

U.S. State: OH

Theme: Media

Name of Organization: Southern Illinois University

Location: Carbondale, Illinois

Subject: Training Journalists in the Field of HIV/AIDS Reporting

This grant focuses on the training of Indian, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan journalists to strengthen their ability to report on HIV/AIDS, with particular emphasis on professional norms in reporting and the news/source relationship between NGOs and journalists. Project activities include nine workshops in eight different cities for 10-20 participants each, including journalists/editors, educators, and NGO staffers. Additionally, a workshop will be conducted in Sri Lanka for 20 journalism educators and NGO staffers from the United States and the other three participating countries. During this grant, there are also two three-week workshops and shadow internships in the United States for a total of eight journalists, educators, and NGO staffers during each workshop.

Countries: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

Region: South and Central Asia

U.S. State: IL

Theme: Media

Women's Empowerment: 8 Projects

Name of Organization: Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS, Inc.)

Location: Ames, IA

Subject: Building Women's Leadership to Strengthen
Democracy in Nigeria

This grant is strengthening the political role of women in Nigeria through workshops and internships focused on the Bauchi, Kaduna, Plateau, and Sokoto States. The project entails the travel of two groups of six Nigerian women to the United States for six weeks, and two groups of six Americans, plus a planning delegation, to Nigeria for three weeks. Women's Leadership Centers are planned for development in all four Nigerian target states, and the Nigerian participants are being offered small grants to design leadership training projects to implement in their local communities.

Country: Nigeria
Region: Africa
U.S. State: IA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Meridian International Center
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in South Africa

This grant supports the travel of 12 aspiring businesswomen from South Africa to the United States for three weeks of training accompanied by a South African government official responsible for entrepreneurial programs. Approximately five months later, six American specialists in successful business practices travel to South Africa for two weeks to mentor the South African participants and conduct workshops for a wider audience.

Country: South Africa
Region: Africa
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Improving Awareness of Women's Issues and
Women's Effective Participation in Government in
South Africa

This grant supports a program to raise awareness of women's issues and to enhance the professional skill of female legislators in initiating legislation in South

Africa and the United States. Twelve South African women legislators are visiting the United States for three weeks to study the environment in which American women legislators work in Washington, DC, Maryland, Arizona, and Washington State, followed by the travel of twelve U.S. women state legislators to South Africa to work with three provincial legislatures and the National Assembly. Finally, a five-day workshop involving all of the U.S. and South African participants is being held in South Africa, during which the women learn more about advocacy groups and civil society organizations, and are welcomed into NCSL's Women's Legislative Network, a forum for women legislators at both the national and state level.

Country: South Africa
Region: Africa
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: University of Georgia
Location: Athens, Georgia

Subject: Empowering Maasai Women to Participate in Civic Affairs

This grant supports the University of Georgia's International Center for Democratic Governance in empowering Maasai women from Kenya's Rift Valley with the skills and organizational capabilities to participate in public discussions and policy-making, thus strengthening their roles in civil society. Twenty-eight Maasai women are participating in three weeks of workshops, job shadowing, action planning, and dialogue on local governance in the United States. Subsequently, 16 American community activists are scheduled to travel to Kenya for two weeks to network and study grassroots culture and its influences on Maasai women.

Country: Kenya
Region: Africa
U.S. State: GA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: The International Center
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Vietnam

This grant trains young Vietnamese businesswomen in entrepreneurial and leadership skills to enhance economic growth in their country. The program will

empower participants to establish or grow their own businesses, and to participate actively in the creation of conditions necessary for a free market economy. Four American business experts have traveled to Vietnam to conduct four seminars for 200 entrepreneurs and community leaders in Hanoi, Da Nang, Ho Chi Minh City and Can Tho. Thirty Vietnamese business leaders are scheduled to travel to the United States for a three-week business training and mentoring program.

Country: Vietnam
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: University of Oklahoma
Location: Norman, Oklahoma

Subject: Strengthening Broadcast Media Capacities and Leadership Capacities of Women Journalists

This grant focuses on improving visual storytelling in broadcast media in Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan, with a secondary focus on strengthening the leadership capabilities of women. Project activities include two workshops in each of the three countries for both broadcast journalists and aspiring women leaders, as well as workshops with participants coming from all three countries for intensive training at the University of Oklahoma. Other program activities include videoconferences to enable American experts to speak to participants to follow up on their experiences after training and a project website.

Countries: Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: OK
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: El Camino College
Location: Hawthorne, CA

Subject: Developing Business Skills among Indigenous Women

El Camino College's Business Training Center provides approximately 100 Nicaraguan women with business skills training during a five day workshop to promote growth in Nicaragua. Thirty Nicaraguan women have a four week

residency in California that includes hands-on training to further improve their entrepreneurial and leadership skills.

Country: Nicaragua
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: CA
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Name of Organization: Vital Voices Global Partnership
Location: Washington, D.C.

Subject: Providing Women's Leadership Mentoring

This grant provides continued support to the FORTUNE/State Department International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership, designed to develop the management and business skills of emerging women leaders from countries around the world. The program brings approximately 35 women to the U.S. for a mentorship program that matches them with senior U.S. women executives in the fields of business, law, and sports. Participants have numerous opportunities to observe best practices and learn organization and leadership skills from their American counterparts. The exchange includes a three-day orientation program in Washington, D.C., where participants meet with government officials, academics, and business leaders; a three-week mentorship assignment in cities throughout the U.S.; and a two-day evaluation and debriefing in New York City.

Countries: Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Egypt, Gaza Strip, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Vietnam, West Bank, Zimbabwe
Regions: Africa, East Asia and Pacific, Europe, Near East, South and Central Asia, Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Women's Empowerment

Health: 3 Projects

Name of Organization: Breakthrough Club of Sedgwick County
Location: Wichita, KS

Subject: Improving Mental Health Service in Kenya

This grant supports the Breakthrough Club's efforts to improve mental health services in both Kenya and the United States through needs analysis, workshops, and project collaboration. Six Kenyans are visiting the United States for two weeks, and six Americans are traveling in Kenya for two weeks. Each

group is visiting mental health service organizations and conducting projects in both countries. Breakthrough's interactive website facilitates communication both among participants and between participants and related organizations worldwide.

Country: Kenya
Region: Africa
U.S. State: KS
Theme: Health

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)
Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Strengthening Civil Society in Iran through Improved Maternal and Child Health Services

This grant is expanding discourse on civil society and active citizenship by bringing together 16 Iranian and five U.S. participants for site visits at public and private hospitals, non-profit organizations, federal and state oversight agencies, and rural clinics in or near Washington, D.C., West Virginia, and New York. Participants discuss maternal and child health issues with the Iranians learning about how public, private, and non-profit entities interact with citizens to form health policy in a democratic society. The American participants are traveling to Iran for ten days to conduct site visits and participate in discussions about health education and cooperation between policy makers and healthcare providers. Both the Iranian and American participants are health providers, medical university faculty, and community leaders active in public health and women's issues. The grant is being executed according to all relevant laws and policies regarding assistance to, or interaction with, the Government of Iran.

Country: Iran
Region: Near East
U.S. State: DC
Theme: Health

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Name of Organization: Magee-Womens Research Institute
Location: Pittsburgh, PA

Subject: Improving Health Education and Fostering Civic
Activism in Central Asia

This grant brings together communities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan to address the issues of adolescent health and youth development. The project includes a series of intensive workshops and supporting activities designed to train youth leaders in civic responsibility; NGO management and leadership; adolescent health and youth development; and cross cultural exchange and diversity. Small grants are awarded to individuals to implement community-based initiatives. In addition, a comprehensive Adolescent Health Resource Directory and quarterly e-newsletter is being developed and distributed in both the United States and in Central Asia.

Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

Region: South and Central Asia

U.S. State: PA

Theme: Health